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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2006, wherein restriction
was required as follows:

Group I claims 1-7, which the Examiner characterized as being directed to
“receiving two data streams, separating the streams into audio and video, and detecting a time
deviation;”

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Group II claims 8-10, which the Examiner characterized as being directed to
“reading streams from a medium and connecting those streams;” and

Group III claims 11-14, which the Examiner characterized as being directed to
“reading streams from a medium, separating the streams into audio and video, detecting a time
deviation, and delaying one separated stream.”

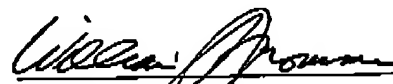
While Applicants do not concur with the Examiner’s characterization of the
claims or of their grouping (as an example, the Group I and Group III claims should be examined
together), nevertheless, Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Group I claims 1-7 for further
prosecution in the present application.

Applicants reserve their right to file one or more divisional applications to re-
present the nonelected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

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